

**Representative Carolene R. Mays**  
**Biographical Sketch**

**Education:**

Indiana State University, B.S. Degree, 1985  
Major - Business Management; Minor - Marketing  
Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Current Political:**

Indiana State Legislature - State Representative, first elected November, 2002

- State Committees: Commerce, Economic Development & Small Business; Roads & Transportation; and Public Health
- National Legislative Committee: Communications, Technology and Interstate Commerce.
- Women in Government - State Director

**Current Employment:**

The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper, since 1998  
Publisher & General Manager

Community Link, since 2000

Co-host of weekly television news segment of community information on WISHTV Channel 8. This unique partnership with the local CBS affiliate and the Hispanic media disseminates news from the African-American and Hispanic communities to a broader audience.

Recorder On Air Report (ROAR), since 1995

Co-host and Producer of the *ROAR*, a 60-minute public affairs and community news television show, which airs twice per week on Time Warner Cable, Comcast Cable and WDNH-TV 65.

**Previous Employment:**

Mays Chemical Company, 1991 - 1998  
Manager of Customer Service and National Accounts.

Occidental Chemical Company, Inc., 1985 – 1991

Various positions in Sales and Corporate Account Management throughout the nation.

**Recent Recognitions/Awards:**

2004-05 Legislator of the Year Award – Indiana Hotel, Lodging and Tourism Association;  
2005 Legislator of the Year Award – Indiana Minority Health Coalition;  
2004 Rising Star in Indiana Politics by the Washington D.C. publication, *Roll Call*  
2002 Cover feature in the October issue of *Indianapolis Woman Magazine*;  
2003 Drum Major for Justice Award;  
2003 Coalition of 100 Black Women, Breakthrough Woman Award;  
2002 Indiana State University Distinguished Alumni;  
2002 Martin Luther King Center Living the Legacy Award;  
2002 Indiana Black Expo Media Award;  
2002 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Regional Communications Award;  
2001 Center for Leadership Development Mass Media Award;  
2001 National Council of Negro Women - Indianapolis Chapter Award;  
2001 Women's Expo Trailblazer Award presented by Indiana Black Expo and WTLC Radio; 2000 *Indianapolis Business Journal's* Woman to Watch

**Current Boards of Directors:**

Indianapolis 500 Festival Board of Directors;  
Indiana Sports Corporation Board, Vice- Chairman;  
Indiana Supreme Court Commission for Racial and Gender Fairness;  
Peyton Manning's PeyBack Foundation Board;  
Shrewsberry & Associates Board;  
Oaks Academy  
National Newspaper Publishers Association Board

**Current Community Service Committees:**

Co-Chairperson, NCAA 2005 Women's Basketball Final Four; Pike Performing Arts Center;  
Pacers Reading Team

**Events:**

Founder and Director, Community Resource Fair hosted at Lafayette Square Mall

**Organization Affiliations:**

Eastern Star Church; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Indianapolis Chapter of Links; National Council of Negro Women; Society of Professional Journalists

**Interests and Hobbies:**

Event planning; snow skiing; cooking

**Personal:**

Mother of one daughter

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**Previous Boards include:**

University of Indianapolis Board of Trustees; Indiana Neighborhood Housing Partnership Board (Mayoral appointment); Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee; Julian Center Advisory Board; Indianapolis Downtown Marketing, Inc. Board; NCAA Citizenship/Common Ground Advisory Board; Indy Jazz Fest Board; 2001 World Police and Fire Games Executive Committee; Indiana Repertory Theatre Board; Indiana Private Industry Council Board; Girls, Inc. Board; United Way's Ardeth Burkhart Series; Freetown Village Board

**Previous Community Service Committees include:**

Chairperson, Circle City Classic Gala 1999 – 2003; Chairperson Classic Coaches Luncheon 1993 -1999; IPS Facilities Strategy Task Force; Project Safe Neighborhoods (US Attorney appointment); 2000 NCAA Final Four Committee; Indianapolis Downtown, Inc. World's Largest Christmas Tree Chairperson of Communications; Co-coordinator of the Indiana School of Champions Camp

**Previous National Appointments:**

National Newspapers Publishers Association, Interim Chairperson of the National Editorial Board, Appointed April 2000 through April 2001.  
National Newspapers Publishers Association, President of the Central Region, Elected July 1999 through July 2001.